

REMARKS

Claims 6-18 are pending in the present application. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

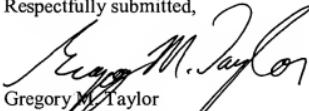
Claims 6-18 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,107,686 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,708,303. The Office Action indicated that the rejection would be obviated upon the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer.

Applicants have submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 6-18. Hence, Applicants request that the double patenting rejection of the present claims be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request prompt allowance of the present claims. In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the application, which could be clarified in a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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